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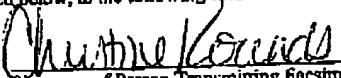
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement, dated February 14, 2006, for the above-identified application, Applicant hereby elects, without prejudice, the Species of FIGS. 4-5. Applicant submits that claims 1-7 read on the Species of FIGS. 4-5.

Applicant believes no fees are due. However, please charge any deficiencies associated with this filing to our Deposit Account No. 13-0235.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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